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Continental begins direct Newark, N.J., service today

Continental Express, Continental Airlines' regional subsidiary, begins daily nonstop air service today, linking Knoxville's McGhee Tyson Airport with Newark (N.J.) International Airport and the New York City area.

Continental Express, using new 50-seat Embraer 145 regional jets, will fly daily nonstop flights leaving Knoxville at 6:45 a.m. and 2:20 p.m. and arriving in Newark at 8:40 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Return flights leave Newark at 11:50 a.m. and 5:15 p.m., arriving in Knoxville at 1:50 and 7:40 p.m.

The airline already serves Knoxville with twice-daily flights to its Houston and Cleveland hubs. Continental Express, serving 6 million customers a year, offers 920 daily flights to 100 cities from its Newark, Houston and Cleveland hubs.

Kmart to close Asheville Highway store Jan. 26

Kmart Corp. will close its **5720 Asheville** Highway store on Jan. 26, affecting about 40 employees and leaving a shopping center vacant, Kmart officials said Tuesday.

Business at the East Knoxville site has decreased, and the store was no longer profitable, one official said, adding no other Knoxville Kmart locations are affected.

Employees will be offered positions at other Kmart stores, and merchandise liquidation will begin Thursday.

Susan Dennis, a Kmart Corp. spokeswoman, said the Asheville Highway store was not included in company plans to update several Knoxville locations as part of a nationwide program to convert some stores to a Big Kmart format. She also said the company decided not to relocate the store, which left closing as the only option.

Kmart had shared the shopping center with a Food Lion outlet, but that grocery location was closed more than a year ago.

Sports massage clinic opens

Business partners Dirk Dandy and Gary Genna will open a Trainer's Edge sports massage clinic location today in Gettysvue Center at 8909 Linksvue Drive in West Knoxville.

Dandy, originally from England, has been in the personal training business and continues as a student of Genna, who owns the Core Institute, a massage school begun in Florida. Genna has

been in Knoxville, running the Core Institute of Tennessee, about three years.

Genna may be reached at the Core Institute at 694-4220 or Dandy at 591-5010.

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